

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



Salary range: LS-13 (\$81,563-\$92,439)

Attorney-Advisor

Office of the General Counsel for the District of Columbia

Department on Disability Services

Vacancy Announcement: 13-061

The District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Office of the General Counsel for the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (Agency) seeks an attorney with a background in disability law and administrative litigation.

The District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (DDS) includes, in pertinent part, two administrations: the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The Developmental Disabilities Administration provides oversight and coordination of all services and supports provided to qualified persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities who are District of Columbia residents. The Rehabilitation Services Administration provides comprehensive vocational and independent living services to persons with disabilities to promote their opportunities for employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence, and administers the Randolph-Sheppard Blind Vendor Facilities Program. This position is located at 1125 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

The selected candidate will serve under the direct supervision of the General Counsel. The successful candidate primarily will be responsible for providing high quality legal advice and other legal services to the DDA in support of its mission to provide services to persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in an effective, efficient and professional manner to ensure their well-being, protection and safety, in order that each person realizes their maximum potential in the least restrictive integrated community setting. A significant portion of the successful candidate's work will involve litigation and other support in the *Evans* class action and in pending wrongful death cases; drafting and reviewing for legal sufficiency operational policies and procedures, memoranda of understanding, rulemakings, and legislation affecting DDA; and assisting the General Counsel in serving as the agency's Ethics Officer and FOIA Officer. The successful candidate may also be called upon to represent DDS before the Office of Administrative Hearings in fair hearing requests filed under the Social Security Act and the Rehabilitation Act, and to advise service coordinators and vocational counselors in legal matters related to the provision of services by DDA and RSA. The attorney-advisor may also assist the DDS in adjudicatory and quasi-adjudicatory proceedings, providing litigation support as needed. The successful candidate will perform other legal duties in support of DDS's mission.

Candidates must have a law degree and be a member of the District of Columbia Bar or eligible for waiver into the bar. If a candidate is selected and is not a member of the District of Columbia Bar, he/she must apply for membership and show proof of such prior to the commencement of employment.

Candidates for the position may be subject to a background check. The position will be a 13-month term position and renewal is subject to funding. This position is within the collective bargaining agreement. Screening of applications will begin on July 15, 2013. Open until filled.